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## NEW SALINAS UNION



Above are shown the principal participants during the recent ceremonies in connection with the charter installation for the new Salinas Machinist lodge, Local 1824. Reading from left to right: Antone Nunes, financial secretary; James Higgins, president; Leslie Parker, recording secretary; A. B. Woodruff, organizer.

## Sardine Run Due; Mackerel Pack is Good

Hopes for a good run of sardines in the Monterey area were high this week following an unusual and unexpected heavy catch of "horse mackerel" which provided employment for many cannery workers, idle during the long wait for sardines.

Fish Cannery Workers Union Secretary Roy Humbracht said nine plants were putting up tall cans of mackerel, working long hours and providing jobs for all cannery workers available. Many cannery workers have gone into other fields because of lack of sardines.

The run of sardines was expected to follow the run of mackerel, officials said. Most boats have returned here to give crews the Christmas holiday at home and sardine fishing is expected to get started at full strength in a short time.

Thus far this season the expected sardine pack at Monterey has been almost nothing and the seasonal pack this year will be the worst in modern history of the famed "Cannery Row," it was reported.

## LABORERS 690 HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY, DANCE

Laborers Union 690 of Monterey held a Christmas party for members, wives and families at the Monterey Labor Temple in New Monterey last Friday night.

S. M. Thomas, union representative, said ice cream and cake, sandwiches and soft drinks were provided by the union. After the refreshments and entertainment, dancing was enjoyed to a union orchestra.

## County BTC Joins Protest On Prison Job

Investigation of the use of convict labor in construction of the prison farm at Soledad is under way by the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council, Business Manager F. O. Easton announced.

Easton said he would make a survey of the project and that a farm protest would be made to state officials.

## Laundry Wkrs. Adopt By-Laws At Next Meeting

Next meeting of Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas will be for the purpose of final reading and adoption of new by-laws for the local, reports Business Representative John W. Deer. All members are urged to attend this meeting, set for 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas.

Second reading was given the new code at last week's regular meeting, at which a fair attendance was recorded and business was mainly routine.

## Laborers Seek Lumber Handler Wage Increase

Officials of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas and 690 of Monterey attended meeting with lumber dealer representatives in Watsonville last week to discuss wage increases for lumber handlers employed at various lumber yards in Salinas and Monterey.

Representing Local 272 were Secretary John Mattos and Business Manager J. B. McGinley, while S. M. Thomas, representative of Local 690, attended from that union.

Further conferences are expected before a settlement is reached, it was reported.

## Electricians At Permanente Win Increase

J. H. Fuson and D. Martindale represented Electricians Union 243 of Salinas at the San Jose meeting recently to negotiate a new agreement with Permanente Metals Corp. covering plants at Moss Landing and Natividad.

Fuson reports that the firm granted an increase in wages of 12½ cents per hour for all classifications. The joint committee had asked for an increase of 18½ cents hourly, but accepted the compromise after long deliberation.

Also won were provisions for more liberal vacations and a retroactive date of September 1, 1946, for the pay increase.

Local 243 was granted complete jurisdiction over electricians employed at both the Moss Landing and Natividad plants, Fuson said, explaining that in the past this jurisdiction has been divided between Local 243 and IBEW Local 332 of San Jose.

## Salinas Painters List New Officers

New officers of Salinas Painters Union 1104 were listed this week by Carl Lara, financial secretary and business representative, as follows:

President—Frank Davis.  
Vice-President—Carl Ratliff.  
Recording Secretary—L. R. Harrison.

Financial Secretary - Business Representative—Carl Lara.  
Treasurer—Ed Dewitt.

## Floyd Winn Now Grandpa

If you meet Floyd Winn (of Bakers 24) and he seems to have his head in the clouds and just be floating by—it's because he is now a grandfather!

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Struble of Mountain View—she is the former June Winn—had a baby daughter the other day. Bro. Winn says the girl is named Margie Elaine.

## Carpenters Busy

All carpenters of Local 925 of Salinas are keeping busy over the holidays as jobs continue under construction and despite the closing down of the Federal Public Housing Authority project at Spreckels, Business Manager George R. Harter of Local 925 reports.

## NAM Gathers Huge Fund to Mold Opinion

By MIRIAM KOLKIN  
New York City.

The Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers will spend \$4,700,000 in 1947 to capture American public opinion.

Representing a \$1,100,000 increase over NAM's 1946 budget, the huge fund will be used to educate NAM members and to try to win over the people to support attacks on labor under the NAM's new smokescreen as a liberal organization.

The "liberal" approach was unveiled at the NAM's recent three-day convention at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel which in itself was one of the biggest propaganda shows ever staged by the industrialists. More than 150 reporters, representing all the major wire services, the nation's biggest papers and the foreign press, covered the sessions. NAM stories, the great majority of them faithfully doing out the big business line, hit the front pages throughout the U. S.

"PUBLIC RELATIONS" Discussion of NAM public relations work shared a big part of the convention's time. Outline of the NAM's coming activities was set before the delegates by the organization's public relations expert, Holcombe Parkes.

"Included in this program," he said, "are the old standbys of public relations—newspaper and magazine advertising, radio programs, publicity of all kinds, pamphleteering, movies and educational materials." In addition, the NAM plans a series of "sales conferences" to "arm thousands of spokesmen for business," regional and national conferences and work with community leaders. "In short," said Parkes, "we plan to use every tool in the public relations kit—except carrier pigeons and mental telepathy (and we'll use them if necessary)."

MOTIF IS "PEW!" The collection speech to back this program was made by Pres. J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Co., GOI financial angel and chairman of the NAM's Natl. Industrial Information Committee.

Few encouraged the NAM-ites to dig down into their pockets by boasting of how the NAM had succeeded in killing OPA. "No more difficult assignment ever faced a group of men," he said, admitting that before the NAM launched its anti-price control campaign about 80 per cent of the people favored OPA. Seven months later after the press and radio had picked up the NAM propaganda, another public opinion poll showed that a majority of the people were against OPA controls, Pew said.

## Detroit School Teachers to Get Back Pay from Chiseling Board

Lansing, Michigan.

Detroit public school teachers, by verdict of the Michigan Supreme Court, will collect \$2,000,000 in back pay and interest from the chiseling Board of Education, and city firemen and Department of Public Works employees are in line for large sums too. This is the end result of a suit initiated by the Detroit & Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL) in 1943, on behalf of all three groups.

The teachers suit was tried first and separately because the Board of Education is a separate entity of government. The sock to the city treasury is one more heirloom of the Hoover depression. In the spring of 1932, while Hoover was still spotting prosperity around the corner, Detroit could pay its employees only half their wages. In 1937 it paid back half of the difference and declined to pay any more.

The union suit brought the pay-dodging town to time.

## Gyps the Gypper

Hiram went to New York determined to make his fortune pulling some skin games on innocent strangers. However, the first fellow he tried to sell the Brooklyn Bridge to turned out to be the owner, and if he hadn't paid him ten dollars to keep quiet, the man would have had him arrested.

## Harrisburg Politicos Plan Statute to Ban Strike in Utilities

Harrisburg, Penn.

A plan for repressive legislation against unions in public utilities was disclosed here.

State Rep. Hiram G. Andrews of Johnstown announced he would propose a bill in the 1947 legislature by forcing unions to accept the arbitration of the Dept. of Labor and Industry, an appointive branch of the state government.

Under the bill public utility unions would be forced to insert such arbitration clauses in their contracts and any labor organization which refused "would forfeit its bargaining rights." The move was believed to be an outgrowth of the recent utility strike in Pittsburgh, which saw the city attempt to break the strike by use of an injunction.

## Unions Urging Better Social Security Plan

Washington, D. C.

Praise for the unemployment insurance program and a call to strengthen and liberalize it came recently from research directors of 33 unions after a study of the program's effects on the reconversion period economy.

"Unemployment insurance filled a vital and stabilizing need during the reconversion period and has met its first major test as a social insurance program," the labor representatives reported. They denied reactionary claims that compensation kept workers from taking jobs, by citing the fact that only 53 million workers of the 36 million eligible received any benefit check in the year following V-J Day.

STRESS INADEQUACIES "For such workers," the report said, "unemployment insurance offered some minimum protection in the search for jobs that would utilize their highest skills," adding that the average length of time that workers received benefits during the year was 11.5 weeks.

The report stressed four major inadequacies in the plan: inadequate benefits, too narrow coverage, too short duration of benefits, and restrictive disqualification provisions.

BENEFITS TOO LOW Average weekly benefit for the nation was \$18.81, with low-rate states going down to \$12.31 (North Carolina) and the maximum only \$23.60 (Utah). "A single unified system would remove these inequities," the report said.

"More than a million beneficiaries exhausted their benefit rights in 1945-46," the report continued. "In some states more than half the claimants were still without a job when they received their final check. This occurred particularly in those states where cancellation of war contracts left many workers unemployed with few job opportunities available."

DISQUALIFICATIONS The report cited a case of unjust disqualification of a married woman worker because she would not take a job from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., although willing to work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since U. S. Employment Service offices were returned to state operation and control in November, labor spokesmen expect this sort of discriminatory disqualification to continue, especially if a recession throws many thousands more workers on the labor market.

## General Motors Head Opposing Bargaining On Industrial Basis

Chicago, Illinois

A call for legislation to prohibit industry-wide bargaining by labor unions was sounded by Pres. C. E. Wilson of General Motors before the Illinois Manufacturers Assn. here.

Wilson also denounced the closed shop, maintaining that "compulsory unionism is totalitarian," and asked for laws to cover unions and a clarification of the Wagner act.

Calling industry-wide bargaining "the essence of monopoly in labor relations," Wilson said that "if labor monopolies are permitted on a nation-wide basis, employer cartels to match them are thereby made inevitable."

## Holiday Message

By C. J. HAGGERTY  
(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

For the second time in six long years, we will be able to enjoy the holidays without the agonizing intrusion of cannon thunder. This is something to be truly grateful for. It is to be hoped that the longer peace prevails, the more determined the people will be to perpetuate it. The faintest remembrance of that horrible blood-letting should be enough to convince the most skeptical that no effort can be too great or difficult to avoid its recurrence.

Although arms have been laid down, it is disheartening to realize that the threat of war still haunts the human race. No person, even though he is only slightly aware of international events, can deny the existence of this ogre and relax under its ominous shadow. To attain the peace we all cherish and long for, we will have to fight as hard if not harder than we fought to defeat the enemy.

LABOR CLOSES RANKS In recognition of this unpostponable need, labor is joining with all forces in our country to work indefatigably for more and greater democracy as the only effective way of assuring peace. This can be the only guarantee against the encroachments of developing totalitarian tendencies. Nazism, communism and all other repugnant forms of class rule cannot be staved off by imitating their practices and embracing their philosophy, even though it is the declared objective to use such means to fight those blights of civilization.

That is why the organized labor movement categorically condemns the recent manifestations of a move to attack and destroy the most important laws in our federal and state statute books protecting the citizens of our country.

ANTI-LABOR PROGRAM Enemies of democracy are joyfully welcoming and rallying around those short-sighted and opportunistic legislators who are threatening to strait-jacket our country with the most vicious kind of anti-labor legislation. Any attack on social legislation will weaken our democracy and strengthen the totalitarian forces that are beginning to mobilize in this country.

The true friends of democracy will not become labor-haters. The devoted friends of democracy will oppose every effort to deprive the underprivileged of their rights. In fact, they will do everything humanly possible to extend those rights and strengthen them.

HYSTERIA SEWN A real hysteria is being created against labor. Behind this reprehensible campaign are those who have chosen the methods of totalitarian strategy. Others are being duped into taking this position because of highly exaggerated and distorted reports of labor disputes. The slightest pretext is being seized upon to blacken the name of the trade union movement.

Not one single grievance alleged or otherwise against labor will or can be cured by anti-labor legislation. Not one single grievance alleged or otherwise but what can be adjusted by democratic rule. This is the true answer to those who are sincere and desirous of correcting abuses.

To try and legislate organized labor out of existence is the aim and the program of those who are intent upon destroying our democracy. Without a strong labor movement, there can be no true and lasting peace. The shattered continent of Europe is the most cruel and poignant example of this. By weakening the legitimate labor movement, the extreme left and right will be strengthened. They and they alone will benefit from such a catastrophe.

CALL FOR ACTION! Before it is too late, the California State Federation of Labor calls upon all of its friends and the people of California to oppose with all their strength the campaign to dismember the labor movement.

We of labor recognize in this challenge not only a threat against us directly, but a much more sinister danger to the entire country. We will fight this threat to the last ditch, not as trade unionists but as American citizens.

If we are to have peace, if we are to enjoy its continuation, then let us dedicate ourselves as fighters for democracy in the coming, and what appears certain, trying year ahead.

## This Lady Takes the Cake as Super-Dummy

Detroit, Michigan.

When a young receptionist in a doctor's office asked for some hours off for Christmas shopping, the medico told her: "I can't do it, dear. Don't you know the law requires you to work at least 40 hours a week?" And she believed him.



C. J. HAGGERTY

## GM Gets 'War Chest' Ready To Lick Labor

New York City.

General Motors Corp. has a \$100 million fund, hastily raised in Wall Street a month ago, which it may use to beat down expected wage demands of auto workers early next year, Sylvia F. Porter, New York Post columnist, reported.

Although GM can be expected to deny that it intends the fund for strikebreaking purposes, "highly informed men, who usually know what they're talking about, do believe the threat of more strike trouble in 1947 was the impulse behind the financing," Miss Porter said.

STRONG CASH POSITION GM's stock sale in November was "an extraordinary deal," she pointed out. Conditions in the securities market were pretty bad and there was no previous indication that GM needed a lot of cash in a hurry. "Yet, in this not-so-hot market," she said, "the company decided to offer \$100 million of preferred stock at \$100 a share. . . . This was the biggest single industrial financing in history. GM is certainly in a terrific cash position now."

Evidence that GM was buttressing its financial position to prepare for a life-and-death struggle with the union came at the Investment Bankers Association's convention Miss Porter attended in Florida. During an anti-union tirade, one head of a major Wall Street house remarked: "Well, GM will stop them next year—if those automobile boys try any more stunts. The company has its \$100 million now and it can answer any of their demands with 'All right, here's our financial statement. Look it over. We can stay out as long as you can and longer.'"

POSITION TO LEAD Miss Porter checked with other bankers at the meeting and found they all agreed that was the purpose of the GM financial deal. One banker told her: "If anyone is ready to lead the fight, it's GM. And Wilson has other big ones in industry to go along with him as long as necessary."

GM Pres. Charles E. Wilson was one of the top U. S. industrialists who attended a number of secret meetings at the Waldorf-Astoria last winter where concerted action was planned against labor's first big postwar wage increase drive.

## Economist Says Next Depression Under Way

Detroit, Michigan.

"Depression will come early in 1947 and will last 12 or 15 months," predicted Scott Nearing, radical economist, to a capacity audience here. "It will be followed by a revival and then will come a major depression, throwing 28,000,000 out of work—unless another war saves the administration then in power."

## Picketing Los Angeles Times



After the Los Angeles Times ran a story smearing the Conference of Studio Unions (AFL), these strikers picketed the newspaper, protesting its anti-labor bias. Meanwhile other CSU pickets covered the gates at all major studios despite industry-inspired police violence. (Federated Pictures)

## Federation Hits CIO's 'Beer Bust'

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Seeking to harass and disrupt the California local unions of the Brewery Workers' International, which voted overwhelmingly against affiliation with the CIO and affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, the CIO has instituted a boycott against Buffalo and Wieland's beers in Northern California, and Eastside, Maier's, Grace, Tivoli and Wieland's beers in Southern California.

The Brewery Workers' locals wish to emphasize that all of these beers, and all other beers, are produced by loyal members of the AFL and deserve the patronage of members of all AFL unions.

Developments leading up to the present efforts of the CIO to harass the brewery workers have been as follows: Last March, a national referendum vote proposing affiliation of the International Union of Brewery Workers with the CIO carried by a very narrow margin, and on July 18, the International formally affiliated with the CIO. The California local unions of the Brewery Workers' International, however, had voted overwhelmingly against affiliation with the CIO. These unions thereupon accepted a formal proposal of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, to join that organization, being permitted to retain their complete autonomy and jurisdiction and allowed to function as a state organization under a Local Joint Executive Board with branches in the principal cities of the state.

Piqued and frustrated at this defiance, the CIO Brewery Workers, with the assistance of the CIO, are now trying to create confusion and disrupt the unity that prevails among the California Brewery Workers in the AFL, by resorting to the usual methods of character assassination, infiltration, threats, false promises and all sorts of propaganda to mislead the rank and file. The latest move has been to declare a boycott against the beers mentioned above.

## Watch Birdie, Ladies!

Sacramento, Calif.

This is a "little bird told me" true story. The "little bird" is the "stork" and he told his story to the California Department of Employment.

Said the "stork": "I'm a very nice bird and, incidentally, a very busy bird. I'm quite dependable; generally speaking, I'm pretty punctual, and I'm generous. Why, sometimes I deliver two or three 'bundles from heaven' when the order called for only one."

"Yes, I'm generous enough, but some people think I should be even more so. They think I should send out advance agents to tell the recipients of my gifts that I am on the way. They want those 'advance agents' to be in the form of bi-weekly checks and signed by the State of California."

## Safety Data For Federal Enterprise Falsified

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In an article in the November issue of the "Safety Bulletin," published by the Federal Security Agency Bureau of Employment Compensation, the efforts to confuse casualty rates in private industry and in federal employment are exposed very effectively.

Quoting the most recently published casualty rates released by the National Safety Council, this article states that the frequency rate during the calendar year 1946, based upon rates of safety-conscious firms, was 13.63 disabling injuries per million man-hours worked, while the severity rate was 1.16 days lost per thousand man-hours worked.

The article then continues: "Our own detailed records relative to civilian employment in the federal government reflect a frequency rate of only 9.8, and a severity rate of .61. Although the records for private industry and federal employment are in many respects incomparable, certain groups apparently insist in comparing them. What is even more astounding, they frequently draw the erroneous conclusion that the comparison shows federal employment more hazardous than employment in private industry. This questionable conclusion is largely based upon the equally questionable technique of comparing the best in private industry with the average in the government. Naive and pernicious as such a statistical hoax is, it appears that it is fast gaining acceptance. In fact, it is publicized in its crudest form for general consumption."

FEDERAL RATE BETTER "The truth of the matter, if a comparison must be made, is that the average rates of the federal government have for years been consistently better than those for private industry. Moreover, the rate of decline in the casualties sustained during the past five years indicates that accident prevention work in the federal government has kept pace, in fact led, that of private industry. As a whole, there is plenty of room for improvement in both, with resorting to wishful thinking and statistical juggling."

These observations are backed up by a five-year summary comparing the frequency and severity rates in federal and private employment and should help to overcome some of the misrepresentation. In this respect, it is pertinent to mention that Public Law 600, 79th Congress, approved August 2, 1946, enables employers to obtain for workmen specialized protective clothing and equipment needed on their federal jobs. Section 13 of this law states: "Appropriations available for the procurement of supplies and material or equipment shall be available for the purchase and maintenance of special clothing and equipment for the protection of personnel in the performance of their assigned tasks."

"A practical politician is one who finds out which way the crowd is moving, then elbows his way to the front and yells like blazes."

out of my difficulty. After all, I don't want the people of California to think I'm just an old meanie." What the stork meant, of course, is that California's new disability insurance system does not pay benefits in pregnancy cases. The California Department of Employment has already denied several such claims.



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## COLD FACTS AND HOT STUFF

Some interesting figures pertaining to the industrial scene are revealed in official reports. Consider, first, the matter of profits:

From 1936 to 1939 average corporation profits (after taxes) were \$3.9 billion; from 1939 to 1945 they were \$9.5 billion; during 1946 they are estimated to be \$11.8 billion; for 1947 the estimate is \$16.1 billion. Note that in about a 10-year period corporation profits have increased nearly five times.

Now take the matter of national income payments: From 1942 to 1945 wages and salaries amounted to 68 per cent, but during 1946 wages and salaries amounted to but 62 per cent—a six per cent decline in four years.

Figures are cold things, but a careful study of them reveals live facts that vitally concern flesh-and-blood human beings. Go back and study them again. Then ask yourself this question: If profits are going up and the percentage of the national income for wages and salaries (purchasing power to buy back the products) is relatively going down, how can you avoid "recession" and depression?

Remember what happened between 1924 and 1929? In that "boom" period net profits were up 72 per cent, production was up 27 per cent, but wages were up only 5 per cent. The economic structure collapsed like a house of cards.

Unions are the principal agency in our society trying to reduce excess profits, increase mass purchasing power, improve general living standards and, most important, to avoid a repetition of the 1929 tragedy. Anybody who tries to smash unions is, knowingly or unwittingly, encouraging another "bust." Unions are doing their level best to save the "free enterprise" system which is also supposed to be the idol of corporate wealth, but the way the upphal clawss is trying to destroy the unions, you'd never guess they really wanted it saved. One thing is sure: Collective bargaining, open books, high wages must prevail, or collective enterprise is the alternative. Which do you prefer, gentlemen?

## WARNING: CLOSE RANKS!

There isn't any question that the major employing groups in this country are conducting a "blitz" against labor, despite all their hypocritical declarations that they are not opposed to collective bargaining as such. Here is the evidence:

1. They supported financially anti-labor legislation that was adopted by referendum in six states at the last election, and they are pressing forward with similar measures in other states.

2. They are now, with their tory Republican and poll-tax Democratic friends in Congress, planning to sabotage the National Labor Relations Act and to adopt new legislation calculated to weaken collective bargaining through trade unions.

3. The NLRB, in its report of activities for the month of October, reports that: (a) "More charges of unfair labor practices were filed than in any one month in the last eight and one-half years," and (b) "Charges of employer refusal to bargain increased 100 per cent over similar charges for the previous month."

4. The daily press, in its editorial columns, has stepped up its anti-union attitude.

5. There is greater likelihood of a program of anti-labor legislation getting through Congress next year than at any time in the last two decades, because of the Republican sweep November 7th.

The fact is that the following things are in jeopardy: Industry-wide collective bargaining; the right to strike in key industries ("key" being defined very broadly); the principle of majority vote of employees to determine union shop or closed shop; the secondary boycott.

In the face of this threat, the present practice of rival union groups fighting one another borders on insanity.

## SO THIS IS DEMOCRACY!

Editorial pages of the daily papers are crammed these days with sensational demands that labor's power to strike be curbed and, in the case of key industries and public utilities, prohibited altogether. And many Congressional leaders are planning to do just this.

But what about business strikes? How about the big firms which month after month refused to produce goods until they had succeeded in destroying price control? Is there any agitation in these same editorial pages to adopt legislation to force manufacturers to produce goods? None whatever.

It is our considered opinion that the sit-down strikes of business are responsible for a hundred times more loss in production than the strikes of labor.

When our government uses military threats and court injunctions to halt worker strikes and does nothing when business strikes—well, what kind of democracy is that?

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## REAL CONSIDERATE

A small stockholder in a great corporation felt that he had been unjustly treated in a new stock issue, and registered his complaint with the head of the outfit. "You are absolutely right," admitted that gentleman, "but I beg you not to press the point. Thousands of other stockholders would make equal demands, and you'd upset the whole apartment."

"You remind me of my older brother when we both were kids," said the complainant wryly. "Every night after we had been put to bed he'd start beating his brains out. The minute I started to bawl, he'd whisper, 'Se-s-sh! You'll wake mama.'"

## COMPLETE WASHOUT

Slepperman had trouble with his daughter, too. He sent her to an ultrafashionable girls' school and enrolled her in an extra-special (\$500) class in etiquette. When Becky graduated, she plunged into society. One morning he found her crying hysterically. On the previous evening, it seems, she had attended a dance, met a very handsome and charming young man, and gone for a ride in the park that had disastrous results. "So," cried papa. "Who is this scoundrel, this wolf in sheep's clothing? Tell me his name." When Becky shamefully admitted that she didn't even know his name, Mr. Slepperman's patience was at an end. "After all your lessons," he screamed, "you still not having the courtesy to ask, 'With whom am I having the pleasure?'"

## UNEXPECTED RIVAL

You've heard a lot about farmers' beautiful daughters, but Squire Parsons was one farmer who had a beautiful wife. When she went home to visit her mother, all the sunshine went out of his life, and when she wired him to meet her at the station on the 4:38, he hitched up his bay stallion in a fever of anticipation. The stallion had been cooped up in his stall for days and was rarin' to go. He wheeled into the turnpike at 50 an hour, and began picking up from there. Squire Parsons tugged in vain at the reins, and hollered "whoa" until his lungs almost gave out.

Finally, as they thundered over Bear Creek Bridge, he cried out: "Hey, you got' darned fool! Who do you think got that telegram, you or me?"

## ACME O'FDIPLOMACY

Mr. Whoosh, master plumber, observed his new girl sign, "Whoosh & Son," with keen satisfaction. "Now that you are a member of the firm, my boy," he told his son, "I must remind you again that one quality a plumber must have above all others is tact. Plumbers have to fix leaks in very strange places sometimes. I will never forget, for instance, the time I went in to fix the pipes in a bathroom in a Park Avenue penthouse. There was a beautiful lady sitting in the tub! I remembered about tact, however, and quickly said, 'Pardon me, sir, and walked out without quickening my pace at all.'"

The son promised to remember. A few weeks later he reported to his father, "Pop, your little lecture on tact stood me in good stead this morning. I had to fix a break in the pipe in the bridal suite of a big hotel on Fifth Avenue. When I walked in, I saw that the couple who were occupying the suite hadn't gotten up yet. I didn't say a word until I had stepped the leak. Then, on the way out, I simply nodded my head and said, 'Good day, gentlemen.'"

## ELABORATE PREPARATIONS

"I don't get it," said one pretty girl as she divested herself of her undergarments. "I tell the doctor my sinus is bothering me and he asks me to strip."

A naked redhead with a satchel on her lap replied, "My case is even more puzzling. I'm here to tune the piano."

## RIGHT ON THE JOB

News item from the Phoenix Flame: "Miss Fay King was overcome by gas while taking a bath. She owes her life to the watchfulness of the janitor of her apartment building."

## REAL COMPETITION

A Hollywood agent came home unexpectedly and caught one of his biggest clients making violent love to his wife. The agent's denunciations made no particular impression on the guilty client. "Stop sounding like a B picture, Joe," he said. "Let's treat this situation like adults. You love your wife and so do I. Let's play one game of gin rummy—and the winner gets her." The agent considered for a moment and agreed.

"Okay," he said slowly, "but what do you say we play for a nickel a point on the side just to make it interesting?"

## Split Personality

A magician came from Vt. Saved a woman in half for a stt. When she mildly asked whether He would put her father. He replied "I've decided I wt."

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



TWO HUNDRED ITALIAN PEASANTS THREW DOWN THE BOUNDARIES ON 600 ACRES OF LAND NEAR ROME IN AUGUST, 1946—THE PROPERTY OF PRINCE ALLESSANDRO TORLONIA, AND PROCEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE LAND AMONG THEMSELVES. THEY CLAIMED THAT THE PRINCE HAD NEVER PUT THE LAND TO USE, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE GENERAL FOOD SCARCITY. SO FAR THIS OCCUPATION OF LAND HAS MET WITH NO RESISTANCE FROM THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.

62% OF U.S. UNIONS HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTIONS ANNUALLY OR BIENNIALY.

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Battle Hymns of Toll brings into a single volume the hundred best liked poems of Covington Hall, a Southern writer and publicity director for labor and farmer causes.

Known to many readers as Covami, Hall left a wealthy Southern environment to do the spadework with pen and typewriter and mimeograph for struggling unions, for the once militant Farmers Nonpartisan League of the Dakotas, for workers' educational efforts for labor and farmer political crusades—always with a song in his heart, usually with a radical flavor.

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They lifted him to wealth and place;  
They meshed his soul in lust and lace;  
They tricked him out in gold and braid,  
And laurel on his brow they laid.

They held him fast with silver strings,  
With open chains they leashed his wings;  
They made him fiftyfold their slave,  
Then hailed him as "the free and brave."

They took him from the Rebel Clan  
And made a eunuch of the man;  
And he was satisfied to dwell  
Within his gem-encrusted shell.

## Popular Releases

Popular Library, Inc., recently released two excellent mysteries for the 25-cent trade. "Dividend on Death," by Brett Halliday, continues the exciting adventures of the popular Michael Shayne, and "A Variety of Weapons," by Rufus King, holds up the reputation of this author for smooth plotting and good dialogue.—A. E. S.

## Pome of Pashun

They went to school together,  
They grew up side by side,  
But he never knew he loved her  
Till her rich old uncle died.

## YOUR HEALTH

By UNION DOCTOR, M.D.

## ATTENTION OF UNIONS TURNS MORE TO HEALTH INSURANCE

With all the arguments going on about health and welfare clauses in union contracts, and security for wage earners from the cradle to the grave, it's about time we got the low-down on these important questions.

The greatest remaining source of insecurity facing American working people today is sickness not related to the job. Against all the other catastrophes which threaten workers and their families—unemployment, dependent old age, death of the bread-winner, and industrial disability—the government has been persuaded to provide some measures of protection, in the form of our Social Security and Workmen's Compensation laws.

When non-occupational sickness strikes, on the contrary, the great majority of people who work for a living have about as much protection as they do against the atomic bomb. Earning power is promptly interrupted at the worst possible time, when there are heavy medical expenses to be met. SICKNESS SECURITY

Because intelligent trade unionists have always known that their health is their only capital, they have been interested for a long time in obtaining security against sickness as a legitimate demand in collective bargaining. The war had a lot to do with it.

During the war, some unions attempted to set up more ambitious medical care programs, with their own professional personnel and facilities, along the lines of some of the better industrial plans sponsored by management. These programs were of course distasteful to union members, since one of their main functions is to combat unionism. Nevertheless, there is nothing really wrong with the idea, providing the program is union-sponsored and union-controlled.

Most of these union attempts during the war failed, however. Shortages of doctors and equipment, opposition of vested interests in the organized medical profession, restrictive legislation and inexperience of unions in this field of organization all contributed to these failures.

## GROUP INSURANCE

Group insurance, on the other hand, was a relatively easy goal to attain. First of all, it had the blessing of the War Labor Board. Second, the commercial insurance companies helped to sell employers on the idea, since it also meant increased profits for them. Third, the average union member could see the tangible benefits which he would enjoy under such a plan. Cash disability benefits (so-called health and accident coverage), for example, serve a double purpose. They can be used to pay not only medical bills but also ordinary household expenses, which still have to be met whether the head of the family is working or not. Protection against surgical expenses and hospital charges, even with limitations, exclusions and restrictions is better than nothing. Without it a long, drawn-out illness is likely to saddle the worker with heavy debts.

In addition to obtaining these concrete benefits for union members, the group insurance movement was a major accomplishment by organized labor in one other way. It definitely established the idea that employers are responsible for workers' health—not only while at work, but off the job as well. Nevertheless, group health insurance plans have some serious shortcomings, which will be described in next week's article.

## Green Urges Full Backing To Strikers In Redwoods

(Release from State-Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In a communication addressed to all city and county central bodies and state federations of labor, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has called upon the membership of the trade union movement to assist the heroic lumber workers who are on strike at the redwood lumber companies in Northern California. He urged that the unions do everything they could to help these strikers win a fight that has lasted for the entire year.

Four thousand American Federation of Labor lumber and sawmill workers employed in nine major mills in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties of California were forced to strike after these companies made it clear that they were determined to deny union security to these men who have enjoyed it in the past. The nine major redwood lumber mills are owned and operated by employers who seem to be viciously opposed to organized labor and who have apparently made up their minds to operate the lumber mills on an open shop basis, regardless of cost or consequences. During the eleven long months these lumber workers have been on strike they have displayed unusual courage and devotion to the principles of organized labor. No one is more deserving of receiving the support of the labor movement than these stalwart fighters for trade unionism.

## STIRRING APPEAL

In recognition of this heroic struggle, President William Green emphatically recommends that the entire labor movement do everything possible to help the workers in this industry preserve their trade unions, which they fought so hard in the past to win, and are fighting so hard now to keep. The following mills are involved in the strike: Caspar Lumber Co., Caspar; Rockport Lumber Co., Rockport; Union Lumber Co., Fort Bragg; Pacific Lumber Co., Scotia; Holmes Eureka Lumber Co., Eureka; Hammond Lumber Co., Searsville; Arcata Redwood Lumber Co., Arcata; and Northern Redwood Lumber Co., Korbek.

The California State Federation of Labor again urges all of its affiliates to boycott unfair redwood lumber and to do everything they can to help these men.



"The guy that invented the injunction," said Little Luther, "should get a congressional medal, preferably from the 79th Congress. He really should feel proud of himself."

"If you're talking about the injunction against the miners, Luther," said Mr. Dilworth, "I'm with you all the way. The injunction is a wonderful thing."

"Very useful thing, too," said Little Luther. "If your wife won't get out of bed in the morning, don't kick her. Just get an injunction. If you don't like Molotov, get an injunction against him. If the fish won't bite, don't try to wheedle them, just get an injunction."

"Can you really do all that with an injunction?" Mr. Dilworth asked. "I never realized its possibilities before."

"I've only scratched the surface," said his son. "If your workers want a raise, don't argue with them. Get an injunction."

"If, said Mr. Dilworth wistfully, they could only get an injunction out of coal mines..."

"It's not necessary, old man. Some smart lawyer has figured out how to heat the nation's houses, run its trains and generate its electricity without coal."

"Wonderful!" Mr. Dilworth exclaimed.

"It's all done with injunctions," "Incredible!" cried Mr. Dilworth.

"Yes," said Little Luther, "all they have to do is put all the courts in the country on a 24-hour week, get the judges turning out injunctions as fast as their aging arteries will permit."

"Yes?" panted Mr. Dilworth. "Then show all the injunctions up the nearest flue, set fire to them—and there you are—heat without coal. Simple, isn't it?"

"Luther," said his father, "I know how to heat your britches without coal too. Come back to the woodshed and I'll show you."

## Current Question

MOTHER (shaking Bob to awaken him): "I put your shirt on the clothes horse, dear."  
BOB (sleepily): "Uh—yeh? What odds did ya get?"

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## Serious Flaws In Our Social Security Told

Washington, D. C. The fact that millions of American workers are excluded from the federal social security program and the pitiful inadequacy of benefits now paid are twin defects standing starkly out of the Social Security Board report made as the Board rounds out 10 years of running the biggest social insurance system in the world.

The report shows 43 million workers insured as of January, 1947, broken down into the following classes:

1. Retired and drawing benefits—710,000.
2. Permanently protected—8,300,000.
3. Having temporary retirement protection for themselves, and survivor protection for their families—26,800,000.
4. Having temporary survivor protection for their families, but not retirement protection—7,700,000.

**COVERAGE SHOWN**  
The permanently protected 8,300,000 workers are those who have worked continuously in jobs covered by social security for the 10 years the act has been in operation; those whose age is so close to the 65-year retirement mark that they could not lose protection even if they left covered employment; and those who are now 65 or over and are fully insured.

The board warns, however, that the amounts of benefits for the permanently insured worker will drop if he leaves covered employment and takes an uncovered job. There were about 21,000,000 such jobs which the board recommended to the House Ways and Means Committee last spring be brought under social security. The proposal did not get beyond the committee stage in the 79th Congress.

A comparison of the 43 million total to the fact that about 73 million social security accounts have been opened shows the wide gap between those who have paid into the fund and those who are now in line to draw something from it.

**If You're Using This To Stop Greying Hair, Don't, Advises FTC**

Washington, D. C. Misrepresentation of a vitamin preparation designated "Hi-Pote" is charged in complaint issued by the Federal Trade Commission against Edward I. Frankel Associates, trading as "Hi-Pote" Products from Des Moines, Iowa.

One of the misrepresentations charged is that of declaring that gray hair is due to vitamin deficiency and that "Hi-Pote" is effective in restoring the original natural color to gray hair. Just phony, says the FTC, in citing the officers of the firm to appear and show cause why they shouldn't cease this type of advertising.


### Real Tough Case

When a doctor, called to a house to attend a confinement, had been upstairs a few minutes he came down, said to the husband: "Have you got a corkscrew?" He was given one and went upstairs. A few minutes elapsed . . . he came down; said: "Got a screwdriver?" He was given one and went upstairs. A few minutes and he came down for a third time, asked for a chisel and mallet. "Good gracious, doctor," the worried husband said, "is it a boy or a girl?" "Don't know yet," replied the doctor. "Can't get my medicine case open."

  
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**YOUR JOB and the LAW**  


By JACK ABBOTT

Back pay suits for gate-to-gate pay continue to pile up. Among the suits now pending in the courts are the following:

1. An action by the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers against the National Smeltering Co. for \$10,000,000 covering overtime and double damages claimed to be due for walking time since 1938.
2. A suit by ex-employees against the Scullin Steel Co. at St. Louis, for over \$2,000,000.
3. A suit by former employees against Curtiss-Wright at St. Louis for over \$5,000,000.
4. A suit by present and former employees against Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. for over \$1,000,000.

Many similar suits are being filed and it is a safe bet that the settlement of such claims will be involved in future contract negotiations.

### Poll Held Illegal

In a recent case before the NLRB an employer wrote several letters to his employees who were on strike. These letters were temperate in language and made no threats, but one of them contained a ballot asking the employees if they wanted to return to work under the employer's proposals to the union. The NLRB held that this attempt to poll the employees was a violation of the Wagner Act (Penokee Veneer Co.).

### Monitorial Dissent

The NLRB customarily includes monitorial employees (such as inspectors) in the same bargaining unit as production employees, where their authority is such as to warrant a finding that they have supervisory status.

NLRB Member Reynolds dissents from this view, as did his predecessor G. D. Reilly, on the ground that the monitors usually have interests which put them on management's side and that they therefore should not be in the rank and file. In a recent case, Mr. Reynolds dissented from the majority opinion even though the employers had not asked to have the monitorial employees, bus driver supervisors, excluded (Tampa Transit Lines).

## STATISTICS SHOW LABOR HOLDING UP PRODUCTION

New York City. Management gripes that workers are demanding more money for less work were exposed here as completely phony by Dr. Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Labor Department.

Addressing a meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Management, Clague got across these points:

Man-hour output in most industries at present is at or above pre-war levels.

Changes which occur in man-hour output cannot be blamed solely on the worker, "since there is no assurance that management efficiency has remained unchanged."

In a limited group of about 20 manufacturing industries for which data are available, man-hour output in the third quarter of this year was averaging between 4 per cent and 5 per cent above the levels of a year ago.

Complaints of low efficiency are most prevalent where labor-management relations are poor, Clague said, adding that management opinion on the question would be more convincing if it were more unanimous.

"We have spoken with a large number of management officials," he said. "Some report an alarming decline in worker efficiency, others state that in their plants it is higher than in the prewar period. Some of the favorable reports come from operating officials of companies whose non-operating officials have publicly made directly contradictory statements."

### Wage-Hour Department Of Labor Dept. Goes Back to National Capital

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## MINUTES

### Central Labor Council

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McCutcheon. The roll call showed the presence of five delegates from five locals. Regular officers present were Pres. McCutcheon and Sec.-Treas. Edwards.

Credentials were presented for Dwight Campbell as a delegate from the Cannery Workers. It was moved, seconded and passed that he be seated. He was then given the obligation by the president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Various communications were presented and considered.

A letter from the S. Buchsbaum Co. of Chicago, presented an offer to supply STYLE KING MAGIC FLOW PENS through A. F. of L. channels for \$3 (regular price \$12.50). (Your secretary has one that may be inspected any time, and who will gladly forward your order to the company should you desire one.)

The Barbers reported a good meeting.

The Bartenders reported no meeting, but several new members admitted.

The Cannery Workers reported no meeting. Fish have been scarce, though there has been some activity along Cannery Row.

The Carpenters reported a very good meeting. Nine or ten new members were admitted. Their difficulty regarding carpenter work in the saloons has been cleared up.

The president reminded the Council that at the next meeting, nominations are to be made for officers for the coming six months.

There was some discussion regarding future prospects for organized labor. It was pointed out that labor faces a vigorous campaign to take away our gains. Labor must use every effort to hold what gains it has made. Cooperation and teamwork are necessary. The opinion was expressed that if we don't hold together, our organizations might just as well fold up.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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### Truth in Jest

#### EDITOR:

We see by the Labor News of December 13 in an article by Travis K. Hedrick—Truman behind it? The Florida sun-bather and submarine passenger. When the incoming Republican Congress gets through with us, Labor and the Unions, this wisecrack will not be funny.

Never before in all history has labor gained so much as in the last fourteen years under the Democrats. Perhaps never again will they get back what they will lose with the Republicans.

It is too bad that after so much has been gained that it cannot be appreciated. When will labor and unions get it into their heads that all laws cannot be made just for one set of people.

Wake up. This is America.

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### And How, Brother!

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**TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543**—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

**WAREHOUSEMEN 890**—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Rec. Secretary and Business Representative, W. G. Kenyon. Financial Secretary and Business Representative, Peter A. Andrade.

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BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m., December 19, 1946.  
Roll call showed 20 delegates, with nine local unions represented.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a Christmas card from State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California calling attention to the prefabricated house, built out of flimsy material making a fire-trap, also a review of the Council work for the past year and financial statement.

A copy of minutes from the Santa Clara County B.&C.T.C. and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

A report from the Pile Local Union 34 of San Francisco.

A labor bulletin from the Social Security Board.

Two news letters from the California State Federation of Labor-BUSINESS MANAGERS' REPORTS

Bro. F. O. Easton reports his findings for the past two weeks, one local contractor has started 14 new homes; all craft men are working; there are a few laborers available.

Bro. R. E. Estis, B.A. of Painters' 272, reports several new paint jobs will be ready about January 1, 1947. The local will meet Saturday to pass on their new agreement. The linoleum layers are being organized under the Painters' charter.

Bro. S. M. Thomas, B.A. of Hod Carriers & Laborers 690, reports that the first strip of the highway is in and they are starting the second one. All the Laborers are working who want to work. Stolte Co. has started 10 new homes on David Ave., Monterey. The reports were accepted.

REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS

Bro. F. O. Easton, Sheet Metal Workers' 304, reports their new agreement is to be passed on at the next meeting of the local.

Bro. Robert Deakin, Painters' 272, reports that the Linoleum Workers are to affiliate with the Painters and asked if the Linoleum Workers would be entitled to a delegate in the Council aside from the regular local union delegates.

The Chairman ruled that the local union would be entitled to the regular number of delegates and it would be up to the local if they wanted to have a Linoleum Worker as a delegate to the Council.

Bro. M. Fales, Electric Workers' 1072, reports no meeting, but their new agreement is being worked out.

Bro. F. Decker, Laborers' 690, reports a good meeting, initiated eight new members and had a fine Christmas party.

Bro. W. T. Evans, Carpenters' 1323: good meeting; initiated six new members and directed the trustees to select a business agent for the local.

Bro. Joseph Real, Brick Masons' 16: good meeting in Santa Cruz; initiated one new member and elected officers for the coming year.

Bro. Kenneth Olsen, Plasterers' 337: no meeting due to lack of quorum.

Bro. Glen Wilkerson, Teamsters' 287, reports that Local 287 has been divided, making two locals—No. 296 and No. 287, but neither local cares anything about the Monterey County members. He asked that a letter be written to the Teamsters' General Headquarters asking for more support for the Monterey County members.

It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the General President of the Teamsters requesting an organizer be sent into this area. Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Bro. W. T. Evans reports on the office committee, stating he will help build the office and Bro. Fales states that he will get the Electricians to give a helping hand. The lumber for the office is on the job.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that the per capita to the Council be lowered to 75 cents per month until the trustees audit the books. Carried, 11-4.

It was moved and seconded that the trustees audit the books and bring in a report for the next meeting. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that a public accountant be called in to make the audit. Vote 8-8, Chair voted No; motion lost.

Bro. Fales states that he cannot meet with the Auditing Committee during the next two weeks.

The Chairman appointed Bro. Robert Deakin to act instead of Bro. Fales.

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Bro. Easton reports he has received a protest that a penal institution is being built near Soledad using all convict labor. This work should be done by civilian labor, says he will investigate the report and ask the State Authority to correct the violation.

Bro. Evans reports sending a boy up a 40-foot ladder to do work which is very dangerous.

Bro. S. M. Thomas reports that the Laborers now have buttons and anyone not wearing one on the job should be checked for his card.

No further business to come before the Council; meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, L. T. LONG, Secretary.

P. S. — Demand the Building Trades card on all jobs. It will be your only protection if pending legislation is adopted.

CALLING 'EM' STRAIGHT JOE LOUIS? YOU CAN'T DEPEND ON EXPERTS TO PREDICT 'DAY'

By ED HUGHES

Saw Joe Louis around town the other day and he said he'd "keep on fighting as long as my legs hold up and my punch can put 'em down." Jack Dempsey, lamping Joe's lightning KO of Tami Mauriello, piped: "Guess Joe will hold that old title till he dies." Well, in a manner of speaking Joe could, if retiring unbeaten. Many believe, and with strong arguments, that the Brown Bomber is the greatest of them all.

No way of proving or disproving that—nor, for that matter, how much Joe has slowed up pugilistically. If the caliber of the opposition doesn't improve he'll be slapping them over indefinitely.

CALCIUM DEPOSITS?

Joe got the skittish Conn in the eighth, which was just about when he elected to. Some of the "form students" thought Joe showed traces of chalk deposits and stiffened arteries. I have plenty of both and still couldn't find much of them in Joe's movements. Louis is 32, has been a fighting man 12 years, counting three in the army.

He doesn't figure to be as good as he was several years ago. But only a real fighter can give you a clear answer on that. And Joe may grow a white beard to his knees before the young man turns up. Don't ever take the word of a fight expert for it.

"PEAK PERFORMANCE"

Sports scribblers frequently deal in midwestern myths. Most abused of these myths is the fighter's so-called peak performance. According to the herd opinion this occurs when he bowls over the champ and grabs the crown. From exactly that magic moment the new champ begins to decline, they say. Never was baloney slicked so thick. Perhaps 'tis true a gladiator hurls more fury and muscular effort in winning a title. But that doesn't class it as his topnotch performance.

Take Dempsey. They still rave over his crimson butchery of the slow moving giant Willard. Actually he was a more finished arena machine, a greater fighter in whipping Carpentier, Tom Gibbons and Louis Firpo. He was ferocious against Carpentier, actually proved faster and cleverer than Gibbons, a remarkably skilled boxer. He proved his greatest fighting spirit against Firpo, rallying from a near knockout to quickly flatten the "wild bull of the pampas."

LOUIS IMPRESSIVE

With scarcely an exception the new heavyweight champion has always caught the old one washed up, or about there. It is the law of

biologic averages. That alone makes a joke of the peak-performance hokey. Usually the title-winning brawl is one of his softest touches. The scraps demanding his best efforts come after that, since he's punching against young bones and flaming spirits.

Louis was impressive knocking the crown loose from Jim Braddock's battered brow. But Braddock had been licked 22 times before that, had been a game but never a great fighter. It would be hard even to guess Joe's peak performance. He had so many of them.

THE INEXPERT EXPERTS

For sheer hitting power and for skillfully producing an opening from a boxed up foe I'd say his KO of Iron-Man Paulino was one of them. That was a year and a half before he won the title. His championship knockouts of Schmeling and Galento were two others in my book. Also the 13-rounder of Conn. I always thought Joe named the round on that—as he could have named it within the first five rounds.

The critic who thinks he can tag a fighter's peak performance should be in some other business. He's a phenomenon. So are most champions—until they're licked.

British Co-op Offers 3 1/2% to Buyer of Home

London, England

House purchase rates have been reduced to an all-time low rate of 3 1/2 per cent by the Cooperative Permanent Building Society in England. The new rates will apply only to advances on houses costing less than £1300 in London and £1200 elsewhere, beyond which rates are government controlled. Other building associations have not yet reduced mortgage rates, but a similar cut a year ago by the the Cooperative Permanent Building Society was followed by comparable reductions in rates by all other cooperative building societies.

With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION Main and John Streets Salinas, California

PRODUCE DRIVERS: Your negotiating committee met with the Industry in Los Angeles on December 17 and 18. At that meeting the matter of preferential hiring, elective coverage and the wage problem were discussed. As stated the last time we wrote on this matter, the retroactive date of December 1, covering the Watsonville, Hollister and Salinas areas and the Southern California district comprised of Imperial, Yuma and Brawley areas, shall be the effective date.

There is another meeting scheduled for the 11th of January at which time a final decision will be made by the employers as to all that has been arrived at in our negotiations. We can report progress at this time; however, there hasn't been anything agreed to yet. There are many things that have happened which will be discussed at a special called meeting when your Union is able to come back with something that can be reported as real progress. This meeting will be called perhaps in January after the negotiation date which is the 10th of January. In the meantime anyone going to southern California, be sure to place your book in the Local at El Centro so that a transfer can be requested for you.

News Item: Our Business Agent Bud Kenyon witnessed a "real" Teamster at work when, at Sanguinetti's, Bill Calhoun was driving a team of horses in the harvesting of celery.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MILLING COMPANY: The Arbitrator has not been named yet in the instance of the S.P. Milling Company with plants in Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City. We ask that all members employed at this firm keep accounts of all hours worked, as the retroactive date as agreed upon is November 20th. Our request for .925c to \$1.30 is the basis upon which we have arrived at arbitration.

MITCHELL STILLMAN COMPANY—ECKHART SEED COMPANY: Your employers are waiting for a decision as a result of arbitration on the S.P. Milling case so that they may use that as a basis upon which our new agreements with these companies will be negotiated. Since our last meeting which was held at the Carpenters Hall for this group, there have been no changes as to wages, hours and conditions for these companies. We wish to advise any of our members in the seed industry who are no longer employed to please register with the office of the Union for employment—or if necessary to take out an honorable withdrawal card.

SPIEGEL FOODS COMPANY: As a result of our special meeting held at the Women's Civic Club, the later part of November, the company has signed the supplementary agreement dealing with seniority. This means that any new employee called to work at the Spiegel Foods Company shall not be placed on the seniority list until 30 days have elapsed—during which time the company is not required to keep this person on the order of seniority. After 30 days and the employee's work is satisfactory and is held on the job, all accumulated days will be counted in that order as provided for in the agreement.

We wish to advise that Sister Vivian Biscer has been appointed a Shop Steward on the swing shift for the carrot line. We ask all of our members employed on that shift to work with Sister Biscer.

All of our members who work on the fresh produce line who have not received overtime pay after 6 p.m. or overtime pay after 5 p.m. when no lunch period was taken—your Union makes reference to the fresh broccoli line—is entitled to time and one-half pay and can receive same by making claim at the Personnel Office. It is also understood and agreed between the Union and the company that heat will be provided for immediately in the carrot shed where this fresh broccoli crew is employed.

DEMPSEY - HUDSON: Frances Seabring has been appointed as Shop Steward for the ladies in this plant. We ask all members at this plant to cooperate with Frances.

WATSONVILLE ICE INDUSTRY: Several meetings have been held with this industry with regards to our new contract which goes into effect January 6. Our differences have been ironed out with the exception of truck drivers' classifications; and we hope to have a payroll report on this before you read this column.

We wish to report that Russell Dennig is now a Shop Steward at the Union Ice Company at Watsonville and we ask all our members to cooperate with this brother and make his job easier.

We wish to inform all of our members in the Watsonville dis-

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Federated Press Reporter Dies

Los Angeles, Calif.  
Howard Freeman, 30, Federated Press correspondent and labor press editor, died here of a heart ailment. He had recently come here from New York for his health but immediately became involved in labor activities and started newspapers for Local 634, United Bro. of Carpenters, and the Conference of Studio Unions (both AFL). He leaves a wife and newly-born child.